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PREFACE.

This small work is offered to the Public in the hope that it may prove serviceable in extending a knowledge of Homœopathy. In this spirited age, when every thing is adjudged by the criterion of its utility, the spread of this science must depend not so much upon the respectability or scientific standing of its practitioners, as upon their success in vanquishing disease at the bedside of the patient. An argument, exhibiting with clearness and force the scientific foundation of the principle of *Similia Similibus Curantur*, is very satisfactory. Yet the prompt cure of an inveterate range of sufferings by the unnoticed action of the Homœopathic pellets is infinitely more convincing. Hence, every work which tends to elucidate even a portion of our Materia Medica, and thus give precision to the enquiries of the practitioner, will most substantially promote the advancement of the cause.

In this work may be found, arranged under their appropriate chapters and sections, all the symptoms relating to the sexual systems of the male and female, so that the practitioner can be at no loss to find promptly, the appropriate medicament for any required morbid condition. In the

absence of any complete Repertory of Homœopathy in the English language, the supply of even the small chasm relating to this subject will be readily appreciated.

To that increasing'ly large class of persons, who are in the daily habit of prescribing for the numerous trifling ailments occurring in their own persons, this volume may be particularly valuable. Especially so, as these affections, when occurring in the sexual sphere, trifling and easily remedied at the commencement, are apt from their nature, to be neglected, and not until they have grown to be an evil of most formidable character, is their existence made known to a physician, and his advice sought. Even then, the delicacy of the subject frequently prevents that full and minute inquiry which is often necessary in order to make an intelligent prescription.

We have endeavored to translate and arrange with accuracy, as well as to gather from every legitimate source within our reach, every symptom relating to this subject, and to present them in such a form that they may be consulted with the greatest facility by the practitioner. We cheerfully acknowledge our indebtedness to the New York Homœopathic Physicians' Society for the symptoms of the *Rhus radicans*, and to our Philadelphia colleagues for many valuable symptoms of other remedies.

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INTRODUCTION.

As it is expected that this small volume will not only be employed by inexperienced Homœopathic Physicians, but also by laymen and ladies, who may desire to prescribe for themselves, without the formality of calling at all times upon their physician, it seems to be imperatively necessary to premise a few introductory remarks upon the SELECTION of the remedy, its QUANTITY, FORM, and the REPETITION of the dose.

In the CHOICE of the remedy, we should endeavor to fix in the mind the precise nature and character of the symptoms occurring in the patient; and if they are numerous or important it may be well even, to commit them to paper. Then seek in the proper chapter and section for the precise symptoms which occur in the patient; and that medicine, having the symptoms most perfectly similar to those of the patient, will be the appropriate remedy, and will, in most cases, entirely remove the affection. Should it, however, occur that an entire cure is not effected, but only an amelioration or change of symptoms, some having entirely disappeared, and others remaining or changed in their character we should then carefully look over the appropriate sections again, and choose a remedy corresponding to the yet remaining sufferings. And this procedure may be repeated until health is restored. For instance, should the patient complain of burning, and stitches in the urethra, and discharge of mucus from it, we must select from the chapter on the

Urethra, the medicine which would produce all the above mentioned symptoms. After its use, should the burning and stiches only be removed, and the discharge of mucus still continue, another remedy should be selected, corresponding to the particular mucus discharge. It may sometimes occur in the selection of a remedy, that several medicines seem to be equally suitable, and the choice from hence, becomes difficult. This will occur the more rarely in proportion as the comparison of the disease and the medicine is the more carefully instituted. Should it, however, occur, we should give preference to that remedy whose symptoms are printed in *italics*, as being in general the most reliable.

Next to the selection of the remedy, the size of the dose is by no means indifferent. Although in the practice of Homœopathy we may make use of crude or unattenuated medicines, yet it is never advisable to do so, as, in most cases, by such means, we only the more slowly reach the desired end. If the medicine has been improperly chosen, and used in such doses, it very frequently occasions a serious degeneration of the disease, which constantly increases with its farther use, filling the patient with anguish, and soon destroying his confidence in the method of treatment. But even if the medicine is properly selected, it frequently occasions an aggravation of the symptoms from its primary action, which, however will disappear after a certain time and give place to a substantial amelioration of the complaint. But the larger the dose of medicine given the more is this point of time prolonged, and under the impression that we have made a wrong selection, we are liable, unnecessarily, to change the medicine for another, when only the too great dose of the medicine has been in fault. It is thus easily perceived that the attenuations are the most proper in order to exhibit the kind action of a properly selected remedy in the shortest possible time, and how appropri-

ately their employment is connected with the Homœopathic principle. It is also clear that the more a medicine is attenuated up to a certain point, not only will its kind action be promoted, but the danger of injury from an improper selection will be obviated.

The 30th potency is the highest usually employed. Many medicines should only be employed in this attenuation, especially those which act a long time upon the system. Among these may be mentioned, not only all those of the mineral kingdom, but many from the vegetable, as for instance, *Lycopodium*, *Dulcamara*, *Rhus Toxicodendron*, *Conium*, *Theja*. The effect, however, of other vegetable medicines is of much shorter duration, and hence we may use them in lower attenuations, without the fear of thus retarding their prompt salutary action. But as the power of no vegetable medicine is destroyed by carrying it up to the 30th attenuation, it is perfectly admissible to use them all at this potency.

In case of absolute necessity, we may employ lower preparations of even mineral medicines, only we should be careful not to employ them too low, as for instance, the 1st and 2nd trituration. And always with the use of such preparations, we should carefully wait for and observe the effect; in chronic diseases, two or three days not unfrequently intervening before the good action will be manifested, while in acute affections, 24 hours will be sufficient to determine the point.

The form in which the medicine is administered likewise demands some consideration. Lower triturations should only be employed in case of necessity: for instance, when the higher are not at hand, and when after being perfectly sure that we have made the right selection of the remedy, the higher preparations are not sufficient. Of the tri-